

# OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

**COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION** 

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION** 

FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

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**AUDITOR GENERAL** 

# STATE OF ILLINOIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION

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### **COMMISSION OFFICIALS**

Chairman (March 16, 2004 through current) Chris Kolker

Chairman (July 1, 2003 through March 17, 2004) George E. Richards

Commissioner (March 18, 2004 through current)

George E. Richards

Commissioner Raymond W. Ewell

Commissioner Barbara J. Peterson

Commissioner (October 6, 2003 through current)

Betty Bukraba

Commissioner (July 1, 2003 through October 3, 2003) Danny Fabrizio

Commissioner (July 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004) John M. Dorgan

Executive Director Daniel Stralka

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September 26, 2005

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## MANAGEMENT ASSERTION LETTER

Honorable William G. Holland Auditor General State of Illinois

Dear Sir:

We are responsible for the identification of, and compliance with, all aspects of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that could have a material effect on the operations of the Commission. We are responsible for and have established and maintained an effective system of internal controls over compliance requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Commission's compliance with the following assertions during the two-year period ended June 30, 2005. Based on this evaluation, we assert that during the years ended June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2004, the Commission has materially complied with the assertions below.

- A. The Commission has obligated, expended, received and used public funds of the State in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by law.
- B. The Commission has obligated, expended, received and used public funds of the State in accordance with any limitations, restrictions, conditions or mandatory directions imposed by law upon such obligation, expenditure, receipt or use.
- C. The Commission has complied, in all material respects, with applicable laws and regulations, including the State uniform accounting system, in its financial and fiscal operations.
- D. The State revenues and receipts collected by the Commission are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and the accounting and recordkeeping of such revenues and receipts is fair, accurate and in accordance with law.
- E. The money or negotiable securities or similar assets handled by the agency on behalf of the State or held in trust by the agency have been properly and legally administered, and the accounting and recordkeeping relating thereto is proper, accurate and in accordance with law.

Illinois Civil Service Commission

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Daniel Stralka, Executive Director

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# STATE OF ILLINOIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2005

# **COMPLIANCE REPORT**

## **SUMMARY**

The compliance testing performed during this examination was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act.

## **AUDITORS' REPORT**

The Independent Accountants' Report on State Compliance, on Internal Control Over Compliance and on Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes does not contain scope limitations, disclaimers, or other significant non-standard language.

# **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Number of	This Report	Prior Report
Findings	0	0
Repeated Findings	0	0
Prior recommendations implemented or not		
repeated	0	0

# **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

The Illinois Civil Service Commission did not have any current or prior year findings.

### **EXIT CONFERENCE**

The Illinois Civil Service Commission waived an exit conference.

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# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE, ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE, AND ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR STATE COMPLIANCE PURPOSES

Honorable William G. Holland Auditor General State of Illinois

#### Compliance

We have examined the Illinois Civil Service Commission's compliance with the requirements listed below, as more fully described in the Audit Guide for Financial Audits and Compliance Attestation Engagements of Illinois State Agencies (Audit Guide) as adopted by the Auditor General, during the two years ended June 30, 2005. The management of the Illinois Civil Service Commission is responsible for compliance with these requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Illinois Civil Service Commission's compliance based on our examination.

- A. The Illinois Civil Service Commission has obligated, expended, received, and used public funds of the State in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by law.
- B. The Illinois Civil Service Commission has obligated, expended, received, and used public funds of the State in accordance with any limitations, restrictions, conditions or mandatory directions imposed by law upon such obligation, expenditure, receipt or use.
- C. The Illinois Civil Service Commission has complied, in all material respects, with applicable laws and regulations, including the State uniform accounting system, in its financial and fiscal operations.
- D. The State revenues and receipts collected by the Illinois Civil Service Commission are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and the accounting and recordkeeping of such revenues and receipts is fair, accurate and in accordance with law.
- E. Money or negotiable securities or similar assets handled by the Illinois Civil Service Commission on behalf of the State or held in trust by the Illinois Civil Service Commission have been properly and legally administered and the accounting and recordkeeping relating thereto is proper, accurate, and in accordance with law.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the standards applicable to attestation

engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Illinois State Auditing Act (Act); and the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General pursuant to the Act; and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Illinois Civil Service Commission's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Illinois Civil Service Commission's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Illinois Civil Service Commission complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the two years ended June 30, 2005. As required by the Audit Guide, immaterial findings relating to instances of noncompliance excluded from this report have been reported in a separate letter.

#### **Internal Control**

The management of the Illinois Civil Service Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws and regulations. In planning and performing our examination, we considered the Illinois Civil Service Commission's internal control over compliance with the aforementioned requirements in order to determine our examination procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Audit Guide, issued by the Illinois Office of the Auditor General.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance with the aforementioned requirements would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws and regulations that would be material in relation to one or more of the aforementioned requirements being examined may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. As required by the Audit Guide, immaterial findings relating to instances of noncompliance excluded from this report have been reported in a separate letter.

## Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes

Our examination was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report. The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents as Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes is presented for purposes of additional analysis. We have applied certain limited procedures as prescribed by the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General to the 2005 and the 2004 Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes, except for information on the Service Efforts and Accomplishments on which we did not perform any procedures. However, we do not express an opinion on the supplementary information.

We have not applied procedures to the 2003 Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion thereon.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Auditor General, the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Commission, the Governor, and agency management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

BRUCE L. BULLARD, CPA
Compliance Division Director

September 26, 2005

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# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR STATE COMPLIANCE PURPOSES

### **SUMMARY**

Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes presented in this section of the report includes the following:

• Fiscal Schedules and Analysis:

Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures and Lapsed Balances
Comparative Schedule of Net Appropriations, Expenditures and Lapsed
Balances
Schedule of Changes in State Property
Comparative Schedule of Cash Receipts
Reconciliation Schedule of Cash Receipts to Deposits Remitted to the
State Comptroller
Analysis of Significant Variations in Expenditures
Analysis of Significant Lapse Period Spending

• Analysis of Operations:

Agency Functions and Planning Program Average Number of Employees Service Efforts and Accomplishments (not examined)

The auditors' report that covers the Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes presented in the Compliance Report Section states that the auditors have applied certain limited procedures as prescribed by the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General to the 2004 and 2005 Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes, except for information on the Service Efforts and Accomplishments on which we did not perform any procedures. However, we do not express an opinion on the supplementary information.

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND LAPSED BALANCES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

					Lap	se Period		Total		
P.A. 93-0842	App	propriations			Exp	enditures	Ex	penditures	Ва	alances
		(Net of	Ex	penditures	Jı	ıly 1 to	14 M	Ionths Ended	L	apsed
FISCAL YEAR 2005	Т	ransfers)	Thro	ugh June 30	Αι	igust 31	A	August 31	Αυ	igust 31
General Revenue Fund - 001										
Personal Services	\$	239,100	\$	230,698	\$	0	\$	230,698	\$	8,402
State Contribution to State										
Employees' Retirement System		38,500		36,794		0		36,794		1,706
State Contributions to Social Security		18,300		16,799		0		16,799		1,501
Contractual Services		47,500		37,189		985		38,174		9,326
Travel		20,847		19,163		1,684		20,847		0
Commodities		3,400		1,899		766		2,665		735
Printing		1,400		750		3		753		647
Equipment		17,053		9,334		859		10,193		6,860
Telecommunications Services		5,800		3,953		1,082		5,035		765
Total Fiscal Year 2005	\$	391,900	\$	356,579	\$	5,379	\$	361,958	\$	29,942

Note: Appropriations, expenditures, and lapsed balances were obtained from Commission records and have been reconciled to records of the State Comptroller.

# CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

# SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND LAPSED BALANCES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

					Lap	se Period		Total		
P.A. 93-62	App	propriations			Exp	enditures	Ex	penditures	В	alances
		(Net of	Ex	penditures	Jı	aly 1 to	14 M	Ionths Ended	I	Lapsed
FISCAL YEAR 2004	T	ransfers)	Thro	ough June 30	Αι	igust 31	Α	August 31	Αι	agust 31
General Revenue Fund - 001										
Personal Services	\$	283,817	\$	283,816	\$	0	\$	283,816	\$	1
Employee Retirement										
Contributions Paid by Employer		11,500		0		0		0		11,500
State Contribution to State										
Employees' Retirement System		38,100		28,604		0		28,604		9,496
State Contributions to Social Security		15,756		15,755		0		15,755		1
Contractual Services		43,830		42,880		760		43,640		190
Travel		16,939		15,359		1,572		16,931		8
Commodities		2,429		2,131		298		2,429		0
Printing		422		422		0		422		0
Equipment		149		0		148		148		1
Telecommunications Services		5,058		4,526		369		4,895		163
Total Fiscal Year 2004	\$	418,000	\$	393,493	\$	3,147	\$	396,640	\$	21,360

Note: Appropriations, expenditures, and lapsed balances were obtained from Commission records and have been reconciled to records of the State Comptroller.

# CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

# COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF NET APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND LAPSED BALANCES

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30,

	2005		Fiscal Year 2004				2003
General Revenue Fund - 001	P.A	x. 93-0842	P.	A. 93-62		P.A	a. 92-0538
Appropriations							
(Net of Transfers)	\$	391,900	\$	418,000		\$	435,200
Expenditures							
Personal Services	\$	230,698	\$	283,816		\$	305,328
Employee Retirement							
Contributions Paid by Employer		0		0			10,705
State Contribution to State							
Employees' Retirement System		36,794		28,604			31,533
State Contributions to Social Security		16,799		15,755			17,993
Contractual Services		38,174		43,640			39,180
Travel		20,847		16,931			13,718
Commodities		2,665		2,429			981
Printing		753		422			639
Equipment		10,193		148			0
Telecommunications Services		5,035		4,895			4,504
Total Expenditures	\$	361,958	\$	396,640	_	\$	424,581
Lapsed Balances	\$	29,942	\$	21,360	: =	\$	10,619
General Revenue - 001 State Comptroller State Officers' Salaries							
Appropriations (Net of Transfers)	\$	113,000	\$	103,900	_	\$	98,600
Expenditures							
Chairman	\$	22,388	\$	24,233		\$	25,825
Commission Members		78,784		75,231			72,615
Total Expenditures	\$	101,172	\$	99,464	_	\$	98,440
Lapsed Balances	\$	11,828	\$	4,436	: =	\$	160

# STATE OF ILLINOIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN STATE PROPERTY

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2005

		Fisc	al Year	
			2004	
Beginning Balance, July 1,	\$	64,418	\$	64,682
Additions		9,605		0
Deletions		0		0
Net Transfers		(21,507)		(264)
Ending Balance, June 30,	\$	52,516	\$	64,418

This schedule was prepared from Commission records and has been reconciled to the property records submitted to the Office of the Comptroller.

# STATE OF ILLINOIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,

	Fiscal Year							
General Revenue Fund (001)	2005			004	2003			
Copy Fees and Recoveries	\$	0	\$	0	\$	112		
Telephone Reimbursements		7		0		0		
Prior Year Refunds		10		0		0		
Total Receipts	\$	17	\$	0	\$	112		

# RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS TO DEPOSITS REMITTED TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,

General Revenue Fund (001)	ue Fund (001) 2005		20	004	2003	
Receipts per Commission Records	\$	17	\$	0	\$	112
Add: Deposits in Transit, Beginning of Year		0		0		0
Less: Deposits in Transit, End of Year		0		0		0
Deposits Recorded by the State Comptroller	\$	17	\$	0	\$	112

# STATE OF ILLINOIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION

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# ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES BETWEEN FISCAL YEAR 2003 AND 2004

### EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PAID BY EMPLOYER

The decrease in Employee Retirement Contribution expenditures in FY04 was due to the State ceasing to pay the Employee's portion of the State Employee Retirement Contribution starting March 2004.

## TRAVEL

The increase in travel expenditures was due to a FY04 appointed commissioner living further away from the Commission's meeting site than the previous commissioner. The additional travel resulted in higher mileage reimbursements.

#### **COMMODITIES**

The increase in commodities expenditures was due to the Commission purchasing additional office supplies for the Chicago office. In addition, the Commission purchased printer cartridges in FY04 that were not purchased in FY03.

# ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES BETWEEN FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND 2005

### PERSONAL SERVICES

The decrease in personal services expenditures was due to the FY04 retirement of an employee who worked for the Commission for 35 years. In addition, the Commission acquired new staff that replaced old staff at a lower salary.

#### STATE CONTRIBUTION TO STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The increase State Contribution expenditures was attributed to the overall State employee retirement rate increasing from 13.4% to 16.1%

#### TRAVEL

The increase in travel expenditures was due to the Commission's Executive Director making more frequent trips to the Springfield office during FY05.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

The increase in equipment expenditures was due to the Commission purchasing a digital copier/scanner/fax and an all in-one printer in FY05.

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# ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT LAPSE PERIOD SPENDING FISCAL YEAR 2005

### **COMMODITIES**

Commodities expenditures incurred prior to June 30 totaling \$766 were paid during the lapse period due to the Commission purchasing office supplies and record storage boxes at the end of the fiscal year and not receiving the invoices until the lapse period.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Telecommunications Services expenditures incurred prior to June 30 totaling \$1,082 were paid during the lapse period due to the Commission hiring a contractor to install communication equipment at the end of the fiscal year and not receiving the invoice until the lapse period.

# STATE OF ILLINOIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2005

# AGENCY FUNCTIONS AND PLANNING PROGRAM

### **Agency Functions**

The Civil Service Commission (Commission) is a 5-member body appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Senate established by the Personnel Code. The Commission is an integral part of the State of Illinois system of personnel administration based on merit principles and scientific method. The Commission's specific duties and powers are set forth by the Personnel Code (20 ILCS 415/10).

The Commission's main responsibility is to hear and determine employee appeals of discharges, suspensions, transfers, allocations, layoffs and demotions. In addition, the Commission approves exemptions from Jurisdiction B of the Personnel Code for those positions which, in the judgment of the Commission, involve either principal administrative responsibility for the determination of policy or the way in which policies are implemented. The Commission also approves or disapproves proposed additions or amendments to the Personnel Rules or position classification plan. The Commission has the authority to direct compliance in writing with the requirements of the Personnel Code or Rules when a violation is found.

# Planning Program

The Commission has established a five-year plan. The Executive Director of the Commission monitors the plan on an on-going basis and reports to Commission members on a monthly basis.

Included in the current five-year plan are goals that have been developed in order to achieve the objective stated in the Commission's Mission Statement. The Commission's current long-range goals were established in FY05. The long-range goals address four areas:

- Technology The application of modern technologies to the Commission's operations promise unknown benefits in information management, appeal and document management, research and electronic filing.
- Rules The Commission will review their own rules to ensure it still meets its stated purpose, research new rules with feedback from practitioners, and evaluate the rules as a whole to ensure they continue to support the Commission's mission.
- Training The Commission will take steps to institutionalize professional training
  opportunities for all employees to assist them in exceeding the demands of their
  positions.
- Procedures The Commission will develop procedure manuals for the most common activities to institutionalize Commission practices.

# STATE OF ILLINOIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

For the Two Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2005

# Auditors' Assessment

The Commission has established formal written long and short-term goals with respect to its functions and programs. The Commission's planning program appears adequate for meeting the statutorily defined functions of the Commission.

# **AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**

The following table, prepared from Commission records, presents the average number of Commission employees and the average number of Commissioners, for the fiscal years ended June 30,

	2005	2004	2003
Total average full-time employees	4	4	5
Commissioners	5	5	5

# STATE OF ILLINOIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

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# **SERVICE EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (not examined)**

DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION IN APPEALS	EV02	EXO4	EW05
A. Actions by the Commission Appeals granted:	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>
Employees returned after discharge (with suspension)	6	8	7
Employees returned after discharge (w/out suspension)  Employees returned after discharge (w/out suspension)	3	34	2
Position allocation granted	0	0	0
Layoff appeal granted	0	0	2
Geographic transfer invalidated	0	0	0
Demotion invalidated	0	0	0
Suspension invalidated in part	0	0	1
Rule violation appeal granted	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	
Totals	<u>9</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>1</u> <u>13</u>
	_		
Appeals denied:	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>
Discharge appeal denied	5	11	14
Position allocation denied	0	1	0
Layoff appeal denied	4	5	50
Geographic transfer invalidated	0	1	0
Demotion appeal denied	0	0	0
Suspension appeal denied	0	0	1
Rule violation appeal denied	5	1	1
Declaratory ruling	<u>0</u> <u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u> <u>67</u>
Totals	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>67</u>
Total actions by the Commission:	<u>23</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>80</u>
B. Appeals Terminated Without Decision	<u>FY03</u>	FY04	<u>FY05</u>
Discharges	33	23	28
Demotions	0	0	0
Position allocations	0	0	1
Layoff appeals	0	0	6
Geographical transfers	1	2	0
Suspensions	0	0	1
Rule violations	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> <u>36</u>
Totals	<u>34</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>36</u>
C. Total Number of Cases Closed	<u>57</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>116</u>
D. Appeals pending June 30	<u>68</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>55</u>
E. Total appeals closed or pending at June 30	<u>125</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>171</u>